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ARIZONA RON LEADS WALKING TOURS OF DOWNTOWN GLENDALE *One of Glendale's Long-time Residents Shares History of City*

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Learn the story of Glendale first-hand from one of its long-time residents, “Arizona Ron.” Arizona Ron will be offering “The Town of Dreams” Walking Tours in Downtown Glendale on Nov. 18, 20, 25, and Dec. 2, 4, 9, 11, 16 and 18. Each tour begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Dr. suite 140, and costs \$15 for adults or \$5 for ages 16 and under.

Learn how Glendale transformed from the vegetable capital to the sports capital of Arizona over the past 120 years, and how it has grown from a few hundred people to 230,000-plus residents, all the while retaining its hometown charm. Arizona Ron invites everyone to “come join me for a fascinating 90-minute walk throughout Historic Downtown Glendale!”

Ron Brewster has lived in Glendale for 60 years, a former resident of the home that is currently the location of *The Spicery in Our 1895 Home*, now in the Catlin Court District and listed on the National Historic Register. His father, Harold Brewster, purchased the home in 1936 from its original owners, the Messinger family. Victor Messinger was one of Glendale's earliest residents, contributing to the city's first library in Murphy Park, and was the first city clerk in 1910 when Glendale was incorporated. The Brewster family owned the property until it was sold to Martha Campbell, the original owner of *The Spicery*, in 1985.

Visitors are encouraged to enjoy a meal in Downtown Glendale after the tour at one of the many eateries in the area. The Glendale Visitor Center provides information on all area shopping, dining and attractions. For more information, call 623-930-4500 or visit www.visitglendale.com.

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